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the painting of the disinfecting house has been finished, one coat of priming and two of white zinc having been put on. Davits have been put up so the boat can be hoisted and cleaned, and the small wharf improved so that the boat can come alongside in rough weather without injuring it.

Respectfully, yours,

S. B. GRUBBS,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Yellow fever in Havana.

Sanitary Inspector W. F. Brunner reports, June 15, 1 case of yellow fever, a marine in barracks; diagnosis confirmed by post-mortem. The United States Marine-Hospital Service is performing disinfection. Two cases of yellow fever exist in the city of Puerto Principe.

Sanitary report from Havana.

HAVANA, CUBA, June 2, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended Thursday, June 1, 1899:

No deaths from yellow fever or smallpox have been reported during the week. Deaths from all causes show a slight increase over the preceding week. The death rate is about the normal one for Havana for this season of the year, excluding the years 1896, 1897, and 1898.

I have seen some statistics published in papers here and in the States, which would go to show that the town is abnormally healthy; such is not the case; for with the exception of the years enumerated above, the average year would show an equally low death rate.

The strike of the lightermen still continues, and vessels bound for northern ports in the United States are allowed to discharge cargo and receive same, at selected wharves on the Havana side of the harbor during the daytime, going out into the open bay between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

We are now disinfecting steamers of the Morgan Line plying between this port and New Orleans. So far we have disinfected the *Aransas* and *Clinton*.

On account of the prevalence of yellow fever at Vera Cruz, Mexico, medical officers detailed for the inspection of incoming vessels have been instructed to make most careful inspection of vessels, crews, and passengers.

The weather is becoming intensely warm, with occasional rains.

Very respectfully,

W. F. BRUNNER,

Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

Mortality of the city of Havana, Cuba, for the week ended Thursday, June 3, 1899.

| Causes of death. | Num-ber. |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Enteric fever..... | 4 |
| Pernicious fever..... | 2 |
| Malarial fever..... | 6 |
| Measles..... | 1 |
| Cramp..... | 1 |
| Enteritis..... | 17 |
| Pneumonia..... | 11 |
| Tuberculosis..... | 22 |
| Total..... | 64 |

*Sanitary report from Matanzas.*MATANZAS, CUBA, *June 6, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that there were 32 deaths in the city of Matanzas during the week ended June 3, 1899, representing a mortality for the week of 40.46 per thousand, an increase over the previous week. The principal causes of death were as follows: Enteritis and gastro-enteritis, 6; tuberculosis, 5; malaria, 4; hydræmia, 3; dysentery, 2; diphtheria, 1; pneumonia, 1; bronchitis, 1.

The following cases were reported during the week: Diphtheria, 2; dysentery, 2; leprosy, 1; typhoid fever, 1.

I am pleased to be able to report that the steamship *Hermann*, disinfected at this port May 14, was given pratique at the port of Mobile without quarantine detention. The above-named vessel returned to this port on the 2d instant via Havana, and on the 3d, after discharging her cargo, disinfection was begun, the process being finished on the 5th, when the vessel proceeded to her destination—Mobile, Ala.

Very respectfully,

G. M. GUITERAS,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Sanitary report from Santiago.*SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *May 27, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended May 27, there was a total of 17 deaths in the civil population of this city. The causes of death were as follows: Tuberculosis, 5; meningitis, 1; tetanus (infantile), 2; malarial diseases, 2; heart disease, 2; Bright's disease, 2; dropsy, 3; total, 17.

During the same week 31 vessels were inspected—20 upon arrival, 11 prior to departure.

The general health of the city seems to be improving; this is due principally to an abundant supply of good food. The water supply still continues intermittent; new mains are being laid, which will increase the water supply considerably. The streets are being improved by being asphalted. At present about 5 blocks have been completed.

During the same week 289 health certificates were issued to individuals going to the United States.

On Sunday, May 21, the personal effects of 181 discharged soldiers were disinfected by steam and formalin on board the *Rough Rider*. On Monday the Norwegian steamship *Ella*, bound for Mobile, was disinfected.